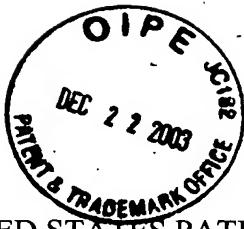


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

MONROE E. WALL et al. : EXAMINER:

SERIAL NO.: 10/608,207 : GROUP ART UNIT:

FILED: JUNE 30, 2003 :

FOR: CAMPTOTHECIN ANALOGS :
HAVING AN E-RING KETONE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.102(c)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

The following is a Petition to Make Special under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c). No petition fee is attached. Applicants respectfully request that this application be advanced out of turn for examination based on Applicant Dr. Mansukh C. Wani's age being beyond 65 years. As evidence of Applicant's age being in excess of 65 years, Applicants enclose herewith the signed statement of Dr. Mansukh C. Wani. Paragraph 2) states that Dr. Wani is more than 65 years of age.

Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for examination out of turn, on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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